Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government do not contemplate any such scheme. It is, however, the policy of the Government to encourage local bodies to take up the management of educational institutions.

Special helps to the depressed classes in schools.

102. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the special helps given to pupils of the depressed classes in the different departments of schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referred to Articles 64 and 71—B of *the Education Code*. Besides the concessions referred to in these, Pulayapupils are also supplied with clothes, books and slates, and are fed once a week.

The modification of the Legislative Council Library Rules.

103. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that in pursuance of the request made in the budget session of the Legislative Council that the Council Library Rules should be so modified as to make the Library more useful at all times to all the Members of the Council, whether the Rules complained of have been modified, and if not, whether the Rules will soon be modified, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not modifying the Rules?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government do not consider that the Library Rules require any modification. The Council Library is intended only as a reference and consulting library and not as a lending or circulating library.

The work of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council.

104. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government or the President of the Legislative Council be pleased to State what, in brief, is the work assigned to the Deputy President of the Legislative Council?

(b) On how many occasions has the Deputy President presided after the inauguration of the Council?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Council law is explicit on the subject.

(b) On no occasion.

The privilege to non-official Members to send their correspondence on State Service.

105. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Is the Government not aware that the non-official Members of the Legislative Council in Pudukottai have been authorised to send their cor-

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respondence affecting the business of the Council on "Pudukottai State Service" unpaid to the Secretary to the Legislative Council;

(b) and if the Government is not aware, whether the Government will enquire and find out the fact, and whether the Government will consider the matter of extending that privilege to the non-official Members of our Legislative Council?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

The rule regarding supplementary questions.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether any steps have been taken by the Government on the representation made in the Legislative Council by the non-official Members of the Council in the budget session and in subsequent meetings of the Council that, as in the Madras Legislative Council, the Coorg Legislative Council, the Pudukottai Legislative Council and most other Legislative Councils in India, not only the Member putting a question, but any other Member of the Council desiring to put supplementary questions, should be permitted to do so by modifying our rule governing supplementary questions, and if no steps have been taken, whether steps will soon be taken to modify the present rule, and if the answer is in the negative, to give the reason for not doing so?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—No steps have been taken. The Government are not convinced that the present rule requires modification, and they do not, therefore, propose to make any alteration in it now. They will, however, watch the working of the rule for a reasonable time; and make suitable modification, if found necessary.

The absence of Members from the sittings of the Council.

107. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased

(a) to order protection of M. L. C.s as a parliamentary privilege from civil warrants, etc., during the Council sessions, as the constituencies are liable to be affected by their absence in case such orders of arrest are issued?

(b) If the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to order re-election of their constituency or constituencies whose member chanced to be a judgment-debtor with a warrant of arrest issued once?

(c) Regard being had to the fact that some of the Members of this Council had absented themselves from the sitting for

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